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NEW FOOD PROCESSING POLICY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to frame a new food processing policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which it is likely to help the farmers for producing raw material for food processing industry; and

(d) the time by which this policy is likely to be finalized?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a) to (c): The Department of Food Processing Industries organized four Regional Seminars at Calcutta, Mumbai, Bangalore and Lucknow and a National Conference at New Delhi to elicit inputs towards formulation of a National Food Processing Policy. Accordingly, a Draft National Food Processing Policy has been drawn up which broadly covers issues relating to availability of raw material, backward linkages, processing facilities including post-harvest infrastructure, packaging, food quality and safety marketing of products domestic and exports, awareness about processed foods and fiscal incentives.

(d): Taking into consideration the various procedures to be followed, a definite time-frame for the finalisation of the policy is difficult to envisage.